

POLICE CHARGE MANY ROBBERIES TO WILLIAMS

Negro Arrested on Second Street Had Pawn Tickets for Several Gold Watches.

HE IS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED

Believed to Be Man Who Entered as Many as Twenty-Five Homes Bent on Robbery—Housekeepers Will Be Called as Witnesses.

In the capture of W. H. Williams, colored, an ex-convict, by Detective Sergeant Wiley and Kellam yesterday afternoon the detective believes that they have succeeded in bringing to book one of the smoothest house-breakers and sneak thieves who has operated in Richmond within the last year. It is estimated that Williams have been responsible for no less than twenty-five or thirty robberies in the West End in the last few weeks.

On the books at the Second Police Station, where the man was locked up, he is charged with being a suspicious character, suspected of having broken into the home of Mrs. G. E. Baltimore, 1229 Floyd Avenue. He has been identified positively as the man who entered the home of Mrs. Hill Montague, and stole a quantity of valuables and some money, and Detective Sergeant Wiley has in his possession at the Police Headquarters half a dozen gold watches and a diamond ring, recovered from pawn shops in which Williams is said to have pawned them.

ATTEMPTS TO PASS A KNIFE TO ANOTHER NEGRO

Williams attempted to pass a pen knife and several other articles which he carried in his pockets to the negro whom he had been talking to, before arrested, but they were taken from him and kept by the officers. It is expected that they will be identified as stolen property. Williams will be arraigned before Justice Crutchfield in the Police Court this morning.

The man's method of working is described as being the smoothest with which the local police have had to deal for months. In almost every house which he has entered, the negro has been seen and spoken to. When asked concerning his business there, he has replied that he was talking to his business and has nothing to say further, departing unmolested with pockets bulging with valuables. In others he has told his questioner that he came to see Rosa, a white woman, according to the name first thought of, and keeping moving has gained the door and made off before the discovery of the robbery.

Reports of more than twenty-five robberies of this kind have been made at headquarters within the last month, and in each case the persons who saw the intruder will be called upon to identify Williams.

Noncommittal Verdict.

The coroner's jury yesterday failed to reach a verdict in the death of Joe DeBolt, the aged negro found in the rear of 11 North Sixth Street with a knife thrust into his back. The verdict merely said death was due to either accident or design. Louis Mason and Hattie Hill, colored, are being held on charges of murdering the man, and will be given a hearing in the Police Court on July 10.

Fined for Fighting.

T. Sweet, I. H. Miles and P. L. Miles, white men, and J. Cooper and P. Miller, colored, were fined \$5 each and costs by Justice Crutchfield yesterday when they were arraigned on charges of disorderly conduct and fighting in the street.

Concealed Weapons.

Justice Crutchfield yesterday morning fined four negroes the regular \$100 and costs each on charges of carrying concealed weapons. The men had attempted to celebrate the Fourth of July without the aid of the noise-making crackers, preferring to make a noise-maker to that manufactured by the Chinese. Those who were fined were Charles E. Brown, James Johnson, Edward Nicholas and John D. Harris.

Speeder Is Fined.

H. T. Holt, a young white man, was fined \$25 and costs in the Police Court yesterday when he was arraigned on a charge of exceeding the speed limit with his motorcycle. He was arrested by Policeman Samuels.

Sent On to Grand Jury.

Charles H. Gladys, colored, charged with the theft of \$9 from S. R. Pierce, was yesterday sent on to the grand jury for trial by Justice Crutchfield. She was arrested by Policeman Campodonica.

Five Coaches Leave Tracks.

Nashville, Tenn., July 6.—Five coaches of the Dixie Flyer left the tracks of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad late today at Nashville, Tenn. According to railway officials four persons were slightly injured. The train was bound from Chicago to Jacksonville.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia and North Carolina—Partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.

12 noon temperature.....	78
3 P. M. temperature.....	78
Maximum temperature up to 8 P. M. temperature.....	78
Minimum temperature up to 8 P. M. temperature.....	63
Normal temperature.....	70
Deficiency in temperature.....	9
Deficiency in temperature since March 1.....	153
Accumulated deficiency in temperature since January 1.....	172
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1.....	3.27
Accumulated deficiency in rainfall since January 1.....	2.47

Local Observations 8 P. M. Yesterday.

Temperature.....	63
Humidity.....	76
Wind—direction.....	N.
Wind—velocity.....	8
Weather.....	Clear
Rainfall last twelve hours.....	Trace

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	Ther.	W. L. T.	Weather.
Ashville	76	82	Cloudy
Atlanta	80	88	P. cloudy
Atlantic City	64	68	Rain
Boston	60	66	Rain
Buffalo	76	82	Clear
Calgary	68	70	Rain
Charleston	78	84	Clear
Chicago	74	80	Cloudy
Denver	74	82	Cloudy
Duluth	80	84	Clear
Hatteras	70	76	P. cloudy
Havre	84	86	Cloudy
Jacksonville	78	86	Cloudy
Kansas City	74	80	Rain
Louisville	83	92	Clear
Montgomery	90	96	Clear
New Orleans	84	90	Cloudy
New York	68	72	Cloudy
Norfolk	68	74	Clear
Oklahoma	72	78	Clear
Pittsburgh	72	82	Cloudy
Raleigh	74	80	Cloudy
St. Louis	92	94	Cloudy
St. Paul	84	90	Cloudy
San Francisco	61	68	Cloudy
Savannah	78	86	P. cloudy
Spokane	88	94	P. cloudy
Tampa	82	92	Cloudy
Washington	72	76	P. cloudy
Winnipeg	70	76	P. cloudy
Wytheville	66	82	P. cloudy

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

July 1914.

HIGH TIDE: Morning.....4:00

Sun rises.....4:57

Sun sets.....7:32

Evening.....4:00

Morning.....4:00

Evening.....4:00

SIGNAL CORPS MEMBERS FORM ATHLETIC CLUB

Hope to Secure New Government Equipment in Time for Gordonville Encampment.

For the purpose of creating interest in the organization along athletic, social and military lines, a club was formed last night by the Signal Corps, following the regular drill in the Richmond Grays' Armory. The club has thirty-five charter members, and before the trip to Gordonville is made it is expected to have every member of the company on its rolls.

The preliminary meeting was more for the purpose of discussing the plans than for business, but the following officers were elected: J. H. Landrum, president; H. E. Perdue, vice-president; J. A. Evans, treasurer; W. J. Freeman, financial treasurer; and J. C. Herbert, secretary.

A committee, consisting of J. B. Stargardt, H. E. Perdue and Earl Lutz, was appointed to draft by-laws and constitution to submit to the club. A membership list is being compiled by D. C. Eaton, George Williams, J. C. Diehl and G. A. Ross, was also appointed.

No name for the club has been selected, and the officers of the Signal Corps have offered a prize to the club member bringing in the name adopted. A committee will be appointed to consider the names suggested, and will bring in the name to be voted upon. Every member of the club may enter the competition.

The main object of the new organization is to promote the social end of the Signal Corps. The company is practically new, and the members are to be brought together in this manner. A smoker will be held in the near future, and an entertainment for the benefit of the members, their wives and sweethearts is being planned.

The Signal Corps is working hard to get its equipment in time for the summer encampment at Gordonville. It could go into the field, but would be rather handicapped in its work. The Adjutant-General's office has forwarded requisitions for the needed supplies, but they have not yet been shipped.

Escapes From Girls' Home.

The Richmond Police Department was last night asked to aid in the search for Iris Liebert, who escaped from the Virginia Home and Industrial School for Girls, in Chesterfield County, during the afternoon. The girl was described as being about 16 years old, with dark hair and eyes, but with fair skin, rather stout, and wearing a blue skirt and white blouse. No trace of her had been obtained by the police at an early hour this morning.

Condition Is Improved.

J. T. Coates, fifty-five years old, man of "blue blood," the farm owned by Edward J. Williams, colored, who was severely injured about the hands and arms when a trolley car exploded on July 4, is reported as being considerably improved. No operation has been performed, but it is thought that there is a chance of saving the man's hands. He was able to get up a short while yesterday, it was said.

Six Months for Assault.

Six months in jail was the sentence imposed yesterday by Magistrate H. S. Sunday upon Jack Johnson, colored, charged with assaulting Superintendent P. L. Reams, of the Fulton Brick Yards, on March 31. Failing to find a bond, Johnson was committed to the Henrico County Jail and sent the case back to the Magistrate's Court in order that the defendant might be tried for a misdemeanor.

Normal School Board Called.

The first meeting of the Normal School Board will be held in the office of the superintendent on Friday afternoon. All up for the preliminary organization and for a general outlining of the work of the board.

Commissioned Second Lieutenant.

Dr. Lester A. DeLoach has been examined and qualified as an officer in the Virginia Volunteers, and his commission as second lieutenant signed yesterday by Governor Stuart. He will be the junior officer of Company First Infantry in which he served as private until elected recently to fill an existing vacancy.

Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to marry were issued yesterday by Deputy Clerk DeLoach to the following couples: Sam Masses and Q. Esther Jones, Rex Baldwin and M. M. H. Jones, and Albert S. Godsey, Jr., and Susie May Allen.

Cartersville Club Gives Play.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Cartersville, Va., July 6.—The Cartersville Dramatic Club drove forty miles in automobiles, rough roads and played "Farm Folks" on Friday night. The play was well received by a large audience. The proceeds will be spent in building concrete sidewalks in the village of Cartersville.

Approached White Woman.

William Coleman, colored, was fined \$20 and costs by Justice Crutchfield in the Police Court yesterday on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was arrested by Policeman Walsh, who showed that while under the influence of liquor the negro had approached a white woman on Broad Street and attempted to put his arm about her.

Case Is Continued.

The case against C. M. Goodwin, arrested on a warrant sworn out by his wife, Marian, charging him with assaulting her and with threatening her with a pistol, was yesterday continued until July 17 by Justice Crutchfield. Attorney B. Lovenstein went the man's security.

Would Bar "Third Degree."

Atlanta, Ga., July 6.—The Georgia State Senate today passed a bill making it unlawful for police, detectives or others to subject prisoners to the so-called "third degree" examinations. The measure now goes to the House.

BOY SLAYS HIS FATHER

Georgia Farmer Had Threatened Wife With Death.

Savannah, Ga., July 6.—A telephone message from Barlett, Lowndes County, to the Savannah Press, states that George Ham, a well-known farmer, was killed today by his son, the husband of his fifteen-year-old son. The husband, it was alleged, quarreled with his wife and the boy says, threatened to kill her before night.

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NO NOMINATION UNTIL AFTER BOARD PRIMARY

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UNETHICAL CONDUCT TO BE INVESTIGATED

Special Meeting of Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery Will Be Called.

Unprofessional conduct of certain members is to be considered at a called meeting of the Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery in the palm room of the Westmoreland Club tomorrow afternoon at 6 o'clock, according to a card sent out yesterday afternoon.

Neither Dr. Charles V. Carrington, president of the academy, nor Dr. Mark W. Peyster, its secretary, would say last night what members of the academy were involved or with what sort of unprofessional conduct they were charged. It was stated, however, that several members are involved in the charges.

Ethics of the medical profession are strict, and, as a rule, are strictly observed. It is regarded as unprofessional to advertise one's self or to engage or take part in any advertising scheme in which the profession is concerned. Other regulations require as strict observance, and in no proportion is compliance with its ethical principles more rigidly demanded.

SEEKS ADJUSTMENT OF FREIGHT RATES

Chairman Travis Holding Conference With Traffic Managers of Roads Entering North Carolina

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., July 6.—Chairman E. L. Travis, of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, is in Asheville today in conference with the traffic managers of the railroad companies that do interstate freight business in this State, with a view to adjusting a number of discrepancies between the details of the compromise interstate rates that were agreed upon by the railroad companies and the State authorities, and there is anticipation of any serious complications in bringing about the adjustment.

Chairman Travis will also take up with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company and possibly the Norfolk and Western the matter of a change in the rules governing freight on grain in transit and grain products, whereby it is held to be the duty of the railroads to change the rule to the detriment of the interests of the North Carolina dealers since the adoption of the new interstate rates. It was first announced that the Norfolk and Western had changed the rule just as the Chesapeake and Ohio had, but it now appears that this is not the case.

Chairman Travis expects to remain in Asheville this week to be at the hearings before the interstate freight commission, Judge Justice, chairman, which is to hold the first hearings as to the reasonableness of the reduced rates prescribed by the Justice act of the special Legislature, and to declare a just and reasonable schedule of interstate freight rates. The State Department of Education is rushing out to all the county superintendents of public schools the lists of questions prepared by the State Board of Examiners, which they will use on Thursday in examining the applicants at each county seat for licenses as high school teachers and for five-year certificates. Indications are that the examinations will be held by increasingly large numbers of people in all parts of the State.

WESTERN ROAD IS SOLD TO BONDHOLDERS' COMMITTEE

Wichita, Kan., July 6.—The Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient Railway was sold today for \$600,000 to the reorganization committee representing the bondholders of the company. The bid was made by A. M. Wickwire, of New York. Application for the receivership of the Kansas City, Mexico, and Orient Railway was made before Judge Pollock in the Federal Court in Kansas City March 7, 1912.

Eleven receivers were appointed to take over the company's property. Immediately afterward the holders of the company's stocks and bonds began work on plans for the refinancing and reorganization of the road.

Sues Richmond and Henrico Road.

Martha Brown brought suit for \$2,500 in the Henrico County Court yesterday against the Virginia Trust Company in its capacity as receiver of the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company. No decision was filed.

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BOARD CAMPAIGN IS NEARING ITS CLOSE

Mass-Meeting to Be Held in Several Sections of City Before Primary

Political meetings in various sections of the city promise to enliven the few days that remain of the Administrative Board campaign, which comes to an end with the primary a week from next Thursday. The dates for several of the meetings have been fixed, and others will be announced in the next few days.

The campaign event of to-morrow night will be a mass-meeting of Hirschberg supporters